

REMARKS

Applicant is in receipt of the Advisory Action mailed October 9, 2008.

Claims

Claims 1-19 and 26-27 were pending. Claims 3-7, 10-13, and 16-19 have been amended. Claims 1-2, 8-9, 14-15, and 26-27 have been cancelled. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

As noted above, while Applicant respectfully disagrees with the outstanding claim rejections, in the interest of expediting prosecution, Applicant has herewith converted the allowable claims into independent claims and cancelled the remaining claims. The Examiner indicated claims 3-6, 10-13, and 16-19 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant respectfully notes corrections in antecedent basis were made to claims 6, 7, 13, and 19. Applicant respectfully submits claims 3-6, 10-13, and 16-19 have been rewritten in independent form and are therefore believed to be allowable. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner withdraw the objection to the above claims.

The Examiner further indicated claim 7 stands allowed.

Applicant hereby reserves the right to file continuation applications directed to the subject matter of the original / cancelled claims.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits the application is in condition for allowance, and an early notice to that effect is requested.

If any extensions of time (under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136) are necessary to prevent the above-referenced application(s) from becoming abandoned, Applicant(s) hereby petition for such extensions. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required or credit any overpayment to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert & Goetzel P.C., Deposit Account No. 50-1505/5896-08600/JCH.

Also filed herewith are the following items:

- ☐ Request for Continued Examination
- ☐ Terminal Disclaimer
- ☐ Power of Attorney By Assignee and Revocation of Previous Powers
- ☐ Notice of Change of Address
- ☐ Other:

Respectfully submitted,

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